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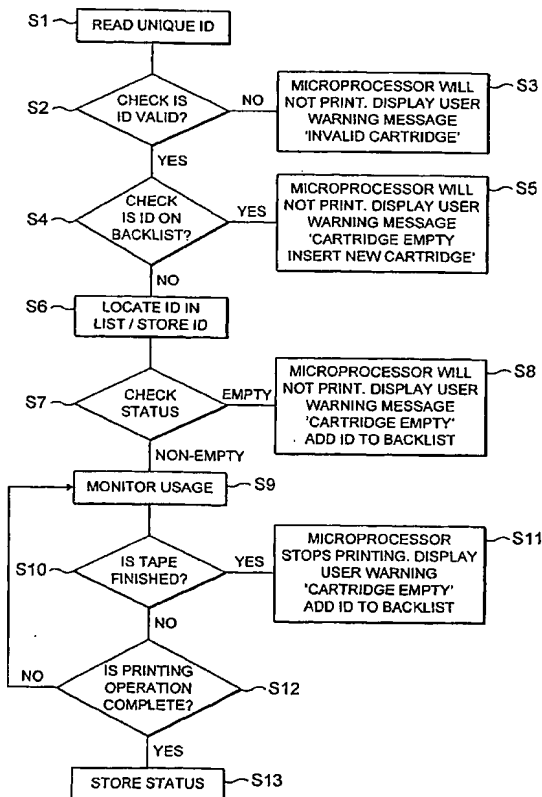
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(57) Abstract: A printing apparatus using a consumable associated with an identifier, the apparatus comprising, printing means for printing an image onto an image receiving substrate; reading means for reading the identifier; storage means for holding a list of any previously used identifiers associated with empty consumables; and a processor arranged to compare the identifier read by the reading means with the list of any previously used identifiers and to generate an invalid indication if there is a match.

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